

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, home fires continue to threaten the lives of South Carolinians, causing nearly 100 fire deaths and more than 6,000 injuries annually; and

WHEREAS, educating residents of the Palmetto State about effective fire prevention techniques and safety measures is necessary to reduce the number of fire-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, almost one-half of residential fires occur because of cooking-related incidents that could often be prevented with simple safety methods; and

WHEREAS, this year's fire safety theme, "Prevent Cooking Fires - Watch What You Heat," serves as a reminder that using proper care when cooking can have a positive effect on home fire prevention efforts.

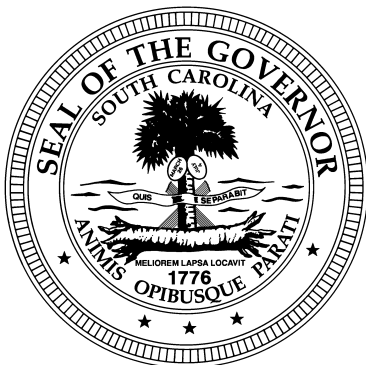
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

FIRE SAFETY MONTH

and October 8 - 14, 2006, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to practice fire prevention and safety measures all during the year at home, school, and work.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA